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(SBU) On March 9 we delivered reftel questions to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Special Adviser Geir Westgaard. Westgaard offered no immediate comment, but thanked us for the questions and said he would forward them to relevant counterparts in the MFA. On March 20, Westgaard informed us that the Ministry was reviewing the questions in light of Norwegian legislative and regulatory statutes and will provide a written response to us in the next few weeks. Post will continue to follow up with the MFA and advise the Department of GON response.
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